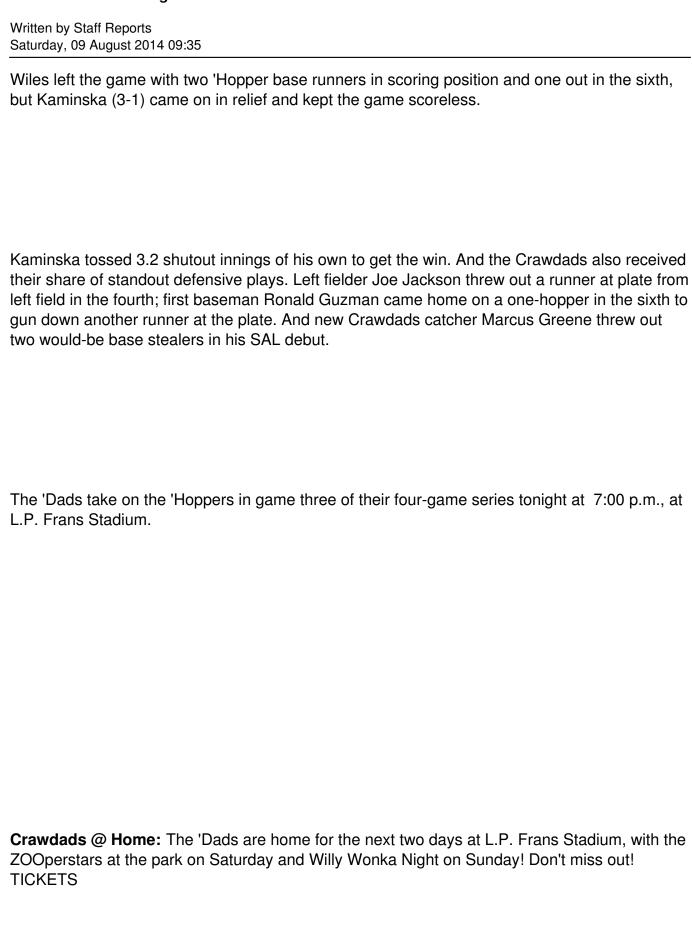


The Crawdads (69-48 overall; 28-20, second half of the SAL season), winners of four straight, scored the game's only run in the bottom of the eighth inning on Michael De Leon's sacrifice fly. Nick Urbanus, the No.9 hitter in Hickory's lineup, tripled to lead off the inning. Pitchers Collin Wiles and Patrick Kaminska kept the Grasshoppers (73-45; 29-19) scoreless on eight hits---seven singles---with six strikeouts. The shutout was the eighth of the season for the 'Dads pitching staff, which has given up only two runs on 14 hits over the team's last 32 innings played.

Greensboro reliever Esmerling De La Rosa (3-2), who coughed up the game's only run, suffered the loss. One batter The Crawdads trail first-place Hagerstown by two games for first place. The Suns, who play at Hickory August 22-24, defeated Kannapolis 6-5 Friday night.

Wiles, who got the start Friday night, scattered seven hits with five strikeouts in 5.1 innings.





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